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September 17, 2001

Ref: 3368-20548

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Post Office Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: Hearing Application
8100' Sand, Reservoir A
RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Gulf Explorer, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Gulf Explorer, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the 8100' Sand, Reservoir A, Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

1. To dissolve the existing drilling and production unit created as the 8100' Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, by Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-A, and to simultaneously create a revised single drilling and production unit of approximately 162 acres for the 8100' Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, designated as the 8100' RA SUA in the Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat;
2. To permit applicant, Gulf Explorer, LLC to designate and utilize the James A. Whitson, Jr.-Delta Duck Club No. 3 Well as an alternate unit well for the 8100' RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
3. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 8100' RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within each unit.
4. To grant a single unit allowable for the 8100' RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowable from the unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells in the unit, at its option;
5. To confirm James A. Whitson, Jr. as the operator of the 8100' RA SUA.
6. To find that, except to the extent contrary in the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 1069-A remain in full force and effect, and
7. To consider such other matters pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

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The 8100' Sand in the Raphael Pass Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-A.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated September 5, 2001 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2001. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference **WILL NOT BE HELD**.

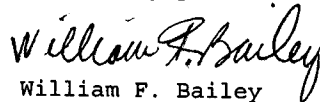
Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 8100' Sand, Reservoir A, SUA, Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties.

Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, La 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,


William F. Bailey

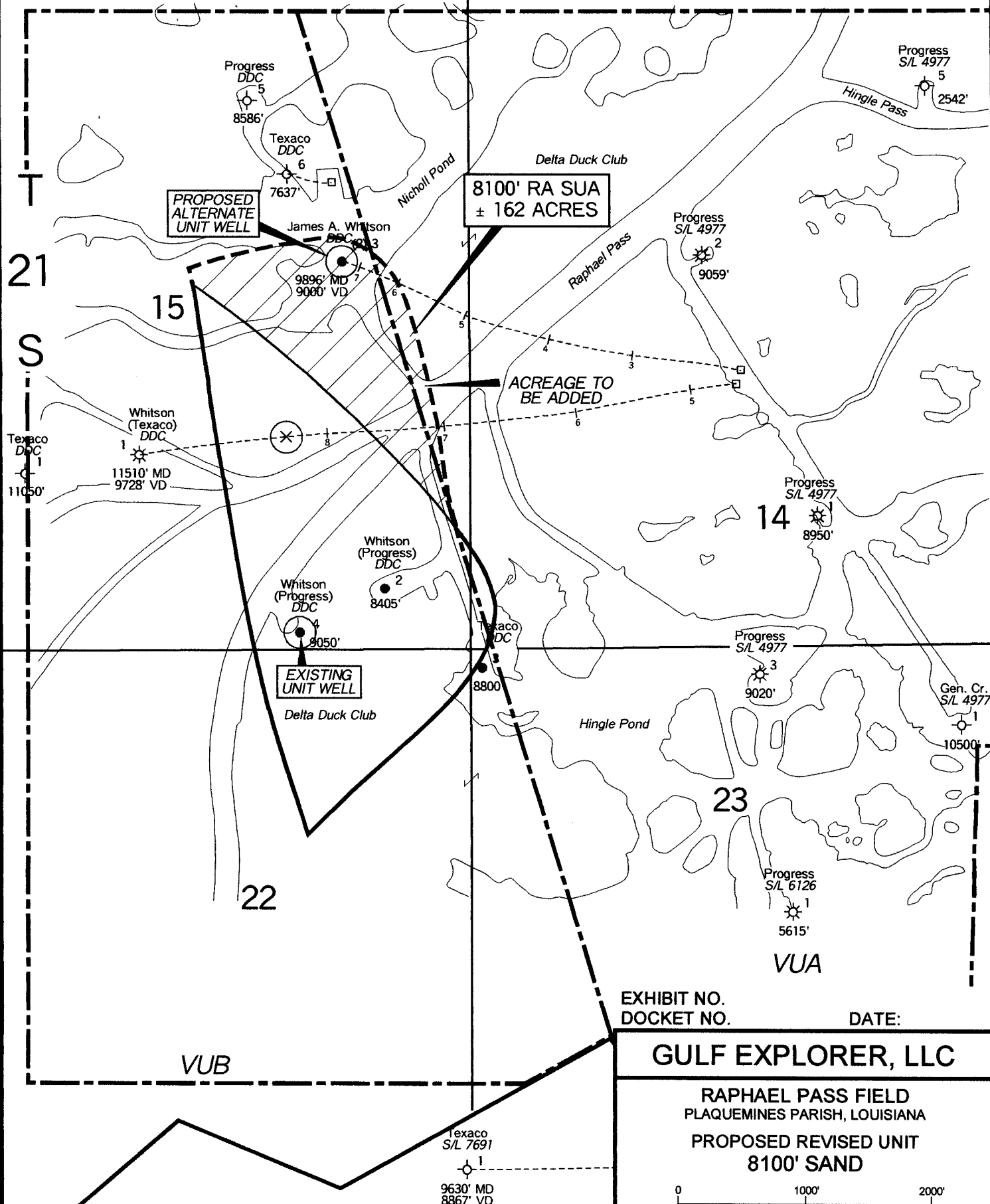
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Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager
Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners,
Represented Parties and
Interested Parties and parties
on attendance list

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--- PROPOSED REVISION
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EXHIBIT NO.
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DATE:

GULF EXPLORER, LLC

**RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
 PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA**

**PROPOSED REVISED UNIT
 8100' SAND**

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